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SUBJECT: NATO/IRAQ: NATO SECGEN CONDEMNS TERRORIST BOMBINGS  
IN BAGHDAD

11. (U) On August 19, NATO Secretary General Rasmussen issued the following statement condemning that day's terrorist bombings in Baghdad:

BEGIN TEXT

19 Aug. 2009

Press Release: (2009) 119

Statement by the NATO Secretary General, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, on the terrorist attacks in Baghdad

On behalf of NATO, I condemn in the strongest possible terms the terrorist attacks in Baghdad today. I would like to express NATO's sincere condolences to the Iraqi government, the Iraqi people and to the families and loved ones of the victims of these bloody attacks. This tragic loss of life and suffering underscore, yet again, the grave danger the terrorist threat poses to all of us.

There can be no justification for such cowardly and pointless attacks. NATO will continue to work with Iraq in training the Iraqi security forces and to cooperate in the fight against the scourge of terrorism.

END TEXT

12. (U) The statement and more information about the NATO Training Mission-Iraq can be found on the NATO website:

[www.nato.int](http://www.nato.int).

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